

H. R. 738.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 25, 1849.

Read twice, and left upon the Speaker's table.

Mr. GRINNELL, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To extend the provisions of all laws now in force relating to the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels, and the regulation thereof.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That all vessels, bound from any port in the
4 United States to any port or place in the Pacific ocean,
5 shall be subject to the provisions of all the laws now in
6 force relating to the carriage of passengers in merchant
7 vessels sailing to and from foreign countries, and the regu-
8 lation thereof; except the fourth section of the "Act to
9 provide for the ventilation of passenger vessels, and for
10 other purposes," approved May seventeenth, eighteen hun-

11 dred and forty-eight, relating to provisions, water, and
12 fuel, but the owners and masters of all such vessels, shall
13 in all cases furnish to each passenger the daily supply of
14 water therein mentioned, and they shall furnish, or cause
15 the passengers to furnish for themselves, a sufficient supply
16 of good and wholesome food, and in case they shall fail
17 so to do, or shall provide unwholesome or unsuitable pro-
18 visions, they shall be subject to the penalty provided in
19 said fourth section, in case the passengers are put on short
20 allowance of water or provisions.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall
2 take effect on and after the twentieth day of February,
3 eighteen hundred and forty-nine.